No. 50 for females. The growth rates of population for rural and urban sectors are given in columns 6 and 7 of Annexure No. 48 for persons, columns 6 and 7 of Statement-II for males and columns 6 and 7 of Annexure No. 50 for females. (*See* Appendix CLXII, Appendix No. 48, 49, 50 and 51)

Demonstration by Scribes

2129. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at least 10 scribes were hurt in the firing and teargas shelling by police on demonstrating journalists near Parliament House on December 24, 1991;

(b) if so, what were the main demands of the journalists; and

(c) what has been Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) The Delhi Police has reported that no journalist was injured.

(b) The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has informed that the Journalists' main demands as reflected in Press reports were as under:—

(i) Setting up of a Parliamentary Committee to look into all the labour laws concerning Newspaper industry.

(ii) Maintenance of the independent character of the Navbhara Times.

(iii) Abolition of the contract system in newspapers and other publications and the regularisation of the services of those working on contract.

(iv) Steps to end the 'onslaught' of managements on the freedom of the Press.

(c) The Ministry of Information & Brqadcasting have reported that they have not received any representation from the agiting Journalist Assocation.

Arrest of British Nationals in Nagaland

2130. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N.E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS to be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two British nationals were arrested under the National Security Act in Nagaland recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they were carrying unlicensed arms and did not have permit to go to certain areas in Nagaland;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any investigation has been made with regard to their activities in Nagaland?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) While apprehending them, some Chinese made LMG and Rifles along with ammunitions and other articles were recovered. They did not have the permit to enter Nagaland.

(d) A case No. 3(1) 92 was registered under Meluri Police Station and the investigation was handed over to Central Bureau of Investigation.

Militant activities in the country

2131. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the militant activities have increased recently all over the country in general and Delhi in particular;

(b) if so, what action Government have taken to curb these activities;

(c) whether it is a fact that recently a DTC bus was damaged on the Mall Road-Timarpur crossing due to blast, killing one passenger and injuring many others; and

(d) if so, the action Government have taken to apprehend the culprits and also the steps, taken so far to compensate the victim's relations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b) Government is fully alive to the situation created by the terrorist elements in some parts of the country and is determined to ensure that a durable climate of peace, stability and progress prevails throughout the country. The direct responsibility for dealing with the terrorist activities lies with the State Governments. The Central Government however, assists the State Government to the extent possible by extending help in the form of funds, para-military forces, improved weapons and other equipments. The Central Government have also enacted anti-terrorist legislation and monitors its implementation by the State Governments. The Central Govt. have also taken steps to coordinate the anti-terrorist measures of different States, for dealing with external assistance to the terrorist elements and for generating mass awareness against terrorist activities.

(c) and (d) A bomb exploded in a DTC bus at Mall Road, Delhi on 29.1.1992 in which one person was killed and 32 injured. A case under F.I.R. 27 dated 29.1.1992 has been registered. As regards payment of compensation, information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

उत्तर प्रदेश में साम्प्रदायिक दंगे

2132. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:** क्या गृह मंत्री 4 मार्च, 1992 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 1051 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि 21 जून, 1991 से आज तक उत्तर प्रदेश में कितने साम्प्रदायिक दंगे हुये है और ऐसी घटनाएं कहां-कहां हुई है और ऐसी प्रत्येक घटना में कितने व्यक्ति मारे गये?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० एम० जैकब): उपलब्ध सूचना के आधार पर, उत्तर प्रदेश में 21 जून, 1991 से आज तक की अवधि के दौरान हुये प्रमुख साम्प्रदायिक दंगों के ब्यौरे निम्न प्रकार हैं:—

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Demand for dual Citizenship

@2133. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:
SHRI M. VINCENT:
SHRI PRABHAKAR B. KORE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India are aware of the mounting demand among Indians abroad, especially those in the United Kingdom, for grant of dual citizenship to them;

(b) whether Government have received any proposals from the Indian Workers Association (IWA) in London who had also met the High Commissioner for India in U.K. in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and by when Government propose to bring forward the suitable legislation in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is a demand for dual citizenship from Indian passport holders and persons of Indian origin or resident in U.K. without loss of their existing citizenship. However, the concept of dual citizenship is not consistent with the Constitution of India and the Citizenship Act, 1955.

@Previously Unstarred Question 1673, transferred from the 9th March, 1992.